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REMARKS

Favorable consideration of the patentability of the claim in this application is solicited.

The above amendment merely inserts the complete number of the patent that is the parent of the instant divisional application.

This application was the subject of two (2) telephone conferences between the below identified attorney and the above identified examiner. This paper should serve as a written record of these conferences. The substance of these conferences is set forth herein.

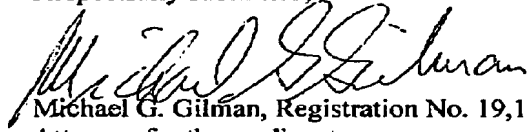
The outstanding office action to which this response is addressed purports to act on 41 claims. In fact, a preliminary amendment was filed at the same time that this application was filed in which all original 41 claims were cancelled and replaced by one new claim (42). Claim 42 was not acted on in the outstanding office action. It is noted that no claim listing has been included in the instant response because it would be identical to the claim listing in the preliminary amendment. If a new claim listing is required, it is requested that the examiner contact the undersigned attorney and one will be supplied.

The fact that new claim 42 replaced original claims 1-41 was called to the attention of the examiner during these telephone conferences. After examining the Patent office record, the examiner indicated that he would be issuing a new action with a new response date. However, no such new action and new response date have yet been received by the undersigned attorney. It was requested that the examiner issue a short paper confirming in writing what had been communicated by telephone so that the record would be clear that the instant application had not been abandoned and that no fee was still outstanding in this matter. This paper is being filed in order to insure that the pendency of this application and its derivation from the identified parent are maintained.

It is pointed out that the filing date of this application was almost four (4) years ago and that the effective filing date of the instant patent application is over eight (8) years ago. Therefore, it is urged that this application is entitled to expeditious action. Should the

examiner wish to discuss the allowability of this application, he is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the numbers set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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